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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF SZEKER'S FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE WITH
WASHINGTON'S MTI CORRESPONDENT

1. PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG MAY 13 CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE RELATIVELY COMPLETE TEXT OF INTERVIEW SZEKER GAVE TO WASHINGTON-BASED HUNGARIAN NEWS AGENCY (MTI) CORRESPONDENT PRIOR TO SZEKER'S DEPARTURE TO CANADA. ONLY SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF ARTICLE IS PAGE 3 COVERAGE IN PARTY DAILY OF PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVED COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. SUCH ARTICLES USUALLY APPEAR IN MORE SPECIALIZED ECONOMIC NEWSPAPERS.

2. TRANSLATION OF NEPSZABADSAG ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE:

GYULA SZEKER'S STATEMENT ON HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

AS REPORTED EARLIER, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. GYULA SZEKER HAS ENDED HIS VISIT TO THE US AND LEFT FOR CANADA. IN THE LAST DAYS OF HIS STAY HE VISITED IN NEW YORK THE WORLD TRADE CENTER AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UN. IN DETROIT HE VISITED SEVERAL PLANTS OF GENERAL MOTORS AND MET WITH LEADERS OF THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURING CONCERN. IN CHICAGO GYULA SZEKER MET REPRESENTATIVES OF CPS (CORN PRODUCTION SYSTEMS -- TRANS.) AND STEIGER CO., EACH OF WHICH HAS SIGNIFICANT COOPERATIVE

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ARRANGEMENTS WITH HUNGARIAN ENTERPRISES. THE DEPUTY

PRIME MINISTER ALSO MET OTHER LEADING REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL CIRCLES IN CHICAGO.

GYULA SZEKER SAID TO THE MTI CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON THAT HIS VISIT TO THE USA HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND USEFUL.

"IN THE PAST FEW YEARS," HE SAID, "WE HAVE ACHIEVED RESULTS, IN THE FAVOURABLE ATMOSPHERE OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE, IN THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. A SERIES OF US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAS VISITED HUNGARY; WE HAVE RECIPROCATED WITH THE PRESENT VISIT UPON THE INVITATION OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ELLIOT RICHARDSON."

"THE TALKS WITH PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESSMEN WERE MARKED BY A CORDIAL, OPEN, AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE AS WELL AS BY MUTUAL READINESS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS."

"AT THE TALKS WITH SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON AND OTHERS IT WAS AGREED THAT THE LACK OF MOST FAVOURED NATION TREATMENT IN TRADE WAS DISADVANTAGEOUS FOR BOTH PARTIES. ACCORDING TO OUR EXPERIENCES THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS THE INTENTION TO CHANGE THIS SITUATION."

"MENTION HAS TO BE MADE OF THE FACT THAT HUNGARIAN-US TRADE TREBLED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, DESPITE EXISTING IMPEDIMENTS. THE OPPORTUNITIES, HOWEVER, HAVE BY NO MEANS BEEN EXPLOITED. THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, HUNGARIAN IMPORTS FROM THE USA SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY CONSIST OF TWO-THIRDS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, AS IS THE CASE AT PRESENT. UNDER NORMAL TRADE CONDITIONS WE WOULD HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PURCHASING MACHINERY, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND LICENSES."

"IN HUNGARIAN EXPORTS THE PROPORTION OF CERTAIN CONSUMER GOODS IS GROWING, IN ADDITION TO TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND FOODSTUFFS. IT IS WORTH MENTIONING THAT ON CAPITALIST MARKETS, AND THUS ALSO IN THE USA, THOSE UP-TO-DATE PRODUCTS ARE COMPETITIVE WHICH ARE PRODUCED ON A MASSIVE SCALE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SOCIALIST ECONOMIC INTEGRATION."

"IT IS NECESSARY FOR BOTH PARTIES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ECONOMY AND MARKETS OF THE OTHER COUNTRY. I WOULD SPECIALLY STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL

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COOPERATION; IN THIS FIELD WE ARE WITNESSING A PROMISING BEGINNING. WE HAVE SURVEYED ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION-- AMONG OTHERS BETWEEN THE SUBSIDIARY OF GENERAL MOTORS IN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE HUNGARIAN WAGON AND MACHINE FACTORY, AS WELL AS BETWEEN OTHER AMERICAN COMPANIES INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY MANUFACTURING, THE VEHICLE INDUSTRY, ETC. HUNGARIAN COMPANIES HAVE

SIGNIFICANT POSSIBILITIES ON THE AMERICAN MARKET WITH
PRODUCTS OF GOOD QUALITY AND TIMELY DELIVERY," SAID
GYULA SZEKER. END QUOTE.
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